

**THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA HELD A MEETING IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING, NEW ALBANY, INDIANA ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007 AT 3:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Mayor James Garner, Vice Chairman Bill Utz, Kevin Zurschmiede and Larry Kochert.

**OTHERS:** Attorney Greg Fifer, Tim Crawford, Brian Dixon and Rob Sartell, EMC, and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**Mr. Utz moved to approve the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Mr. Zurschmiede second, all voted in favor.**

**COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:**

**Mr. Mitchell**, County Line, needs to have a revised Platt signed for Savannah Gardens.

**The Board signed the Platt.**

**COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS**

**SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:**

**Ms. Welsh** discussed a situation in which Mr. Huncilman has been billed double and she has calculated their adjustment.

**Mr. Kochert** asked if they should deal with the Storm water adjustment.

**Mayor Garner** stated that they should not adjust the storm water portion of the bill.

**There was a lengthy discussion as to how the double billing occurred and how they should be billed strictly by Chris Conrad who handles industrial run-off.**

**Mayor Garner** stated that he believes that they should just write him a check for his adjustment rather than dealing with trying to keep up with a credit.

**Greg Fifer** asked her to check with Mrs. Garry to insure that this credit would not cause a hardship for the utility or the City and if so, inform Mr. Huncilman that he will be receiving a check after the first of the week.

**Mr. Zurschmiede** asked why she was charging them \$1000 and Chris Conrad was only charged \$500 per month.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding how their bill is calculated by Chris and the Board asked that Mr. Conrad come to the next meeting to explain this.**

**Mrs. Welsh** stated that Mr. Dixon did verify that there is a pool at the home of Regina and Jeff Hubbard, 3926 Douglas Avenue, and she wanted to know how to proceed with this adjustment.

**The Board reviewed the usage for the six month period**

**Mr. Utz moved to have a credit not to exceed \$375, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.**

**Ms. Welsh** reported that Mr. Scifers situation has been taken care of and he is happy with the outcome. She also reported that there is a Keystone seminar that she would like to take her whole office to this. She also reported that she received a check from Mr. Mattingly for \$4600.

**Mayor Garner** stated that he has been told that the payment on this check is going to be stopped and he wanted to know how the board wanted to handle this.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that he felt they needed to wait to see what happened and plan to have an Executive Session after the next meeting.

**Mr. Fifer** asked about the situation going on with the Recorder's office.

**Ms. Welsh** explained that they were holding checks from people who paid their liens because they had nothing to attach the money to.

**Mayor Garner** reported that they still have not received the information that they need from IUS to establish the tap in fees.

**There was a lengthy discussion as to what information that they need to present and why they have not gotten it to the board.**

**Mr. Fifer** will send a letter to IUS and inform them that they can not establish this fee until they provide the necessary information and that unless they can establish documentation regarding the flat fee billing it will end.

**Mr. Kochert** stated that he believes there needs to be system established in order for them to follow up on

**Mr. Utz** stated that Tina does have a column on her sewer credit list that shows the amount that will be paid when the sewer credits are used. Currently there is approximately \$3M worth of fees to be paid for projects that still waiting for sewer credits.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Item #1 - Donohue re: Project Update**

**Paul Elling** stated that he discussed with Hans Peterson the findings of the Master Plan and they feel that there isn't much more needed for the near future other than the projects that have already been identified by the board. However, the lift stations will need to be improved as growth continues. He presented a chart of the 4 outer lift stations showing what they are handling now and what change will need to be made in the future to keep up with estimated future growth. Said chart is on file with the City Clerk's office.

**Mr. Utz** asked Mr. Elling if he was aware that Mr. Copperwaite had informed the board at the last meeting that he got some relief from Stone Crest so that he could take part of his big projects and dump it into 25.

**Mr. Elling** stated that he is aware that there was some relief by that but he was told that it was intended for 33.

**Mr. Utz** stated that he doesn't intend to put it all in 33.

**Mayor Garner** stated that they force traded and took some of the Stone Crest credits and gave them up and explained that they aren't adding anymore to the total flow there.

**Mr. Fifer** asked if this was a man hole over flowing.

**Mr. Sartell** stated that this is a man hole that was discovered during the work on the Master Plan and they believe that there is a problem with a valve under the flood wall.

**Mr. Elling** stated that they are coming to the end of the work on the Master Plan. They still need to estimate the cost of the up-coming projects. He presented them with a list of these projects and he doesn't believe there will be many more projects than the ones that are on the list.

**Mr. Utz** asked Mr. Elling if he thought one of the more immediate things that they would have to do is get verification of flow from Basin 35 & 40 and projects that looked as though they would be coming along in the next couple of years.

**Mr. Elling** reported on some of the areas that they are concerned about and stated that he does not believe that there is a man hole that might be overflowing out in that area but there has never been any detailed investigation. He also stated that he had information on the strainer project and it was decided that the cost of this project would be over the \$125,000 amount and this will have to be bid out. He had contracts for them to review but they would have to be adjusted to include the bidding process.

**Mayor Garner** stated that they will take this under advisement until the next meeting.

**Mr. Elling** stated that on the 15<sup>th</sup> Street project he is still waiting to hear back from the railroad company and he has not heard about whether or not the televising has been completed.

**Mr. Sartell** stated that it is completed but he does not have all the information.

## **Item #2 - Clark Dietz re: Project Update**

**Wes Christmas** gave a brief project up date. He stated that it has been slow going for the Robert E. Lee Force Main project. He stated that there is a 2" water line running along where they are digging for Edwardsville and because of the sandy conditions they are concerned about the integrity of the existing line and they are going to replace it. He also presented the easement for Mr. McCool. He also asked if they wanted to go with the alternate bid for the complete repaving of Jackson Street which is \$66,000 more than just the trench repair.

**Mr. Utz** stated that he is a little hesitant to go with the full paving because of the possibility of settling.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the difference between the alternatives and the boards concern with settling. It was decided by the board to go with the trench repair only.**

**Mr. Fifer** stated that redevelopment needs them to pass a resolution that allocates credits for the Kelly property so they will have that in consideration for their \$900,000 funding. He asked how much capacity will be left once they finish Phase I of Basin 35 and wanted to know if Mr. Christmas could give him the info of the person to best answer that question for him.

**Mr. Utz** asked if they wanted some of Phase I to be paid out of TIF money.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that he would say so as soon as everything was updated and ready to go.

**Mark McCormick** stated that John \_\_\_\_\_ needs to have invoices for the Mt. Tabor and Prossor Lift stations

**Mayor Garner** stated that was Prosser Lift Station in general and what they are looking for are invoices that are already in the Controller's office.

**Mr. McCormick** stated that he told him this morning that he had given him Mt. Tabor and Prosser invoices.

**Mayor Garner** stated that Mrs. Garry should have those claims.

**Mr. Christmas** reported that on Basin 18 they have been anticipating completing the plans but he is still working with Jacobi Toombs and Lanz as to where to place the line and because of the uncertainty as to where the utilities will move once they start the project of widening this section of Daisy Lane. He would like to prepare the permit with the line going down the middle of the Daisy Lane so that they can move now rather than waiting for plans from JTL and if they need to shift line he can ask for a revised permit.

**Mr. Fifer** asked if this was the only routing issue left to resolve on that project.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that because the houses on Player Place are so close together he believes that they should bore between the houses rather than trenching between them.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that his only concern is that interested parties would rather they move sooner than later on acquiring the easement. He asked if they had retained a surveyor yet to look at the project.

**Mr. Christmas** stated that they haven't done the exhibits and descriptions at this point.

**Mr. Fifer** stated that he would like to go ahead and get the easement out of the way.

**Marc McCormick** presented the board with the September Financial report. Said report is on file with the City Clerk's office. He recommended that they do a draw on the Ban Note. He stated that with the sweep fund they can generate enough interest to make the payments.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the report and whether or not they want to draw on the Ban Note. It was decided that they would like Mr. McCormick to start the process of making that draw.**

**Mr. Zurschmiede** asked about the contract with Georgetown and where that stands.

**Mr. Fifer** explained that they have a little less than two years to get it built and they are going to the County Commissioner this week with some plans.

#### **EMC REPORT:**

**Rob Sartell** reviewed the written EMC Report which is as follows:

##### **Independent Back Up Float Control Project**

Both the 10<sup>th</sup> St. and Charlestown lift station have had the independent back up float system installed. These systems have been tested and are operating properly. The next phase of the project is the Intermediate Pump Station (IPS) located ant the WWTP. Currently parts have been ordered and programming is being developed. The estimated cost of the IPS phase is \$18,000 this \$4,500 higher than the previous two phases. This is due to the complexity of programming that controls the out put pumping capacity at 40MGD and the proposed programming that Delta Electric is going to have to develop.

##### **Screen and Grit Removal Project**

The conveyors system that is to be used for this project has been disassembled and is being retrofitted and refurbished at Hagmann Enterprises.

##### **Rain Event of October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

On Monday October the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> New Albany received an average

rainfall total of 4.35. Treated wastewaters for those two days were 29.75MGD on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 38.35MGD on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The hourly peak flow was 57 MGD. K&E Environmental monitored the collection system SSO points and reported no overflows during the rain event for either day. All systems at the WWTP performed satisfactory except for an elevated e-coli count on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Project Advantage**

EMC has premiered a new service for all clients called Project Advantage. One of the many new services that will be available to New Albany will be 24 hour 7 day a week remote monitoring of the WWTP SCADA system. This will be another set of eyes monitoring the WWTP and contacting on call personnel when alarms are detected.

#### **Robert E. Lee Lift Station Project**

Murphy Elevator has refurbished the motors; replaced all seals, bearings and windings as necessary; refurbished brake box, refurbished gear box; replaced chains, and replaced rollers. Delta Electric began taking measurements and laying out for electrical improvements.

#### **Robert E. Lee Force Main Project**

Construction layout completed from lift station to the intersection of Floyd and Jackson St. Mr. McCool completed clearing of the 20' ally between Shipping and Jackson St. Mr. McCool has provided a copy of the easement legal description and exhibit prepared by Renaissance Design. TSI completed potholing at 14 of the 17 locations called out by the plans. All pipe and appurtenances has been delivered to the construction site. TSI has installed 18" force main approximately 500'

#### **South Audubon Sewer Replacement Project**

Works has progressed across South Audubon to the west into the back yard areas and have installed 4 manholes and 800' of 8" pipe.

#### **Lewis Street Sewer Replacement Project**

Gravity sewer has progress from Ealy to the rear of the commercial storage units on State St. Pipe Bursting has progressed from the storage units to the rear of State St. Hardware. Pipe Bursting has also been completed from Lewis St. 300' south to manhole E. Approximately 1,100' of 15" pipe has been completed overall with approximately 500' remaining.

#### **Basin #35 Sewer Replacement Project**

Construction site layout has been completed. Charlestown Rd. boring pipe installation has been completed.

#### **Secondary Clarifier Recoating Project**

Secondary Clarifiers 431 and 432 have been recoated by Odle Inc. Recoating 433 began on 11-1-07.

#### **McDonald Lane Odor Control**

EMC received several odor complaints from the 1700 block of McDonald Lane. After investigating the complaints a sealed manhole was found to be loose. Removed manhole lid and took measurements for the future installation of odor control canister inserts and retightened manhole lid. Rechecked odor control system at the Charlestown Road lift station and found it to be in working order.

#### **Payne Koehler Road Odor**

EMC has stated the process of identifying the source of the odor on Payne Koehler Rd. The Odor Data Logger was installed at the discharge point of the Crystal Creek lift station and the first run of data does not, at this time, appear to be the source. Two more streams of data will need to be acquired to get a more accurate picture of what is happening. Another Odor Data Logger is being purchased to speed the data collection process.

**Mr. Fifer** asked about the EPA visit.

**Mr. Sartell** stated that he was not here but from what he understands the toured the plant and the basins and they were very happy with what is going on in the City.

**Mr. Fifer** reported that there is a new woman that is taking over this area and rob is right they are very pleased with what is going on with the system.

**Mayor Garner** stated that they were not just visiting New Albany. They were also going to Jeffersonville.

**Mr. Utz** asked if he had heard anymore about the Amended Consent Decree.

**Mr. Fifer** indicated that he had not.

**BIDS:**

**CLAIMS:**

**Mr. Sartell presented the following claims in the total amount of \$800,851.48:**

Team Contracting	Invoice #1	\$181,727.27
TSI Paving	Invoice #1	\$192,624.59
MAC Construction	Invoice #1	\$73,625.00
Donohue & Associates	Invoice #9	\$679.19
	Invoice #5	\$20,951.02
Applegate & Fifer	September Retainer	\$2,000.00
	September Legal Services	\$3,142.50
Melhisier Endres & Tucker	Accounting Services	\$3,215.00
Cornell Harbison	Sewer Main Repair	\$2,449.00
	Sewer Main Repair	\$9,867.91
Clark Dietz	Invoice #13	\$570.00
Sewer Credit Cert.	Grantline Development	\$2,000.00
Environmental Mngt.	Invoice #20014853	\$308,851.48

**Mr. Utz** stated that we now have EDIT money that they can spend but it has to be presented to the controller on the white forms and he asked that the first three claims in the amounts of \$181,727.27, 192,624.59 and \$73,625.00 be presented to Mrs. Garry.

**Mr. Utz moved to approve as submitted, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business before the Sewer Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Mayor James Garner, Chairman**

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**Marcey Wisman, City Clerk**